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LIBYA-EGYPT: Relations

[] Radio Tripoli reported on Sunday that Egyptian authorities had closed the border between Libya and Egypt. The Libyans also said the Egyptians were interfering with Libyan aircraft and had turned back a number of scheduled flights.

[] The immediate cause of the Egyptian actions probably was a speech by Libyan leader Qadhafi at last week's People's General Congress in which he denounced the Sadat regime as corrupt and as the puppet of the US CIA. Qadhafi also said Libya stands ready to come to the aid of the "downtrodden masses of Egypt."

[] A Libyan media campaign against Egypt has been in full swing since the popular demonstrations and riots in Egypt in mid-January. Libyan broadcasts beamed to Egypt appear to be aimed at inciting students into demonstrating against the government.

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[REDACTED] Egypt was expecting more Egyptians to be expelled from Libya in the near future including all Egyptian teachers in the primary school system and most Egyptian technicians in senior positions in the Libyan government. [REDACTED] an increasing number of Egyptian residents in Libya, mainly professional people, were turning in their passports in order to accept Libyan nationality, allegedly under pressure from the Libyan government.//

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